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## A HAND UP FOR OTHERS

By Larry Pick

Here we are, one month into 2025. The Christmas season of giving is behind us. But wait: There is another reason for giving that has no season – Food Banks of Ontario.

The Havelock Food Bank is a member of Kawartha Food Share along with over 30 other agencies that provide support to folks experiencing food insecurity. The resources of Kawartha Food Share are utilized in the over 30 agencies within this network. The majority of the providers in Peterborough County, including Havelock, are open 1 day per month. Due to demand and limited resources, many have had to decrease the amount of food passed out. Fortunately, Havelock has been in a position that allowed an increase in the amount of food available to their recipients each month.

Food insecurity affects an estimated 2.8 million people in Ontario: 1 in 5 of Ontario children are included in this number. Single parent families, folks living under the poverty line (\$27,400 per year for a single person in Ontario) unemployed or under employed, folks with a disability and seniors are significantly represented in these numbers.

At the end of the last fiscal year, Mar 31, 2024, the number of Ontarians registered at food banks has increased by 25% from the previous year. In that same period, the number of visits to food banks increased by 31%.

The Havelock food bank relies on volunteers to operate. All food banks rely on donations of food and cash. There are lots of good causes. All are worthwhile. The Havelock Food Bank is one of the most worthwhile in our community. It can be hard to know how to help or where your time and money should be used to help others. One suggestion comes from a line from the TV show, “Sports Night”. Robert Guillaume, one of the main characters suggests that we should “Give as much as you can as often as you can”. Something to think about, be it time or money.

For information on how to register for help, or on ways that you can help, please call 705-778-2356.



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**PINK SHIRT DAY**

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## ELMER'S EDITORIAL

The rural values reflected in our community structures have disappeared. While remnants of neighbours helping neighbours still exist they are generally exceptions to the norm. Rural residents in days past would join together to complete barn building, build one room schools, community churches and community halls.

Over the last fifty years. Consolidation in the name of efficiency has forced schools, municipal governments, hospitals, public health agencies and anything else with an organized structure to close or amalgamate. As a graduate of a one room school in Belmont and an educator, I am not convinced that "bigger is better". Larger institutions, particularly schools tend to become impersonal with leaders not knowing the people they interact with on a daily basis. This often leads to mental health issues and unexplained violence.

On the economic side of society we find similar policies at play. Small successful community based businesses are often bought up by larger organizations and then phased out or closed. In some cases they are simply forced out through predator pricing by companies like Walmart.

A good example of community based cooperatives was the cheese factory. Farmers would buy shares to build a cheese factory run by a farmer board of directors. Again over the last fifty years most of these operations were bought up and closed by larger organizations. An exception to this phenomenon is the Empire Cheese Factory which is still owned by local farmers

Cooperatives took other forms as well. We had a locally owned Co-op in Havelock just south of Highway 7 in the middle of Havelock. It supplied farm supplies to local farmers.

Another successful Cooperative is the Cooperators Insurance Co. set up in 1945 by farmers which has evolved into a major player in the insurance business with 45 shareholders including the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Co-ops, cooperative lifestyles and one room schools are not all HBM has lost. In my youth, Havelock had three grocery stores, two hardware stores, two doctors, countless service stations, as well as a dairy and a creamery that churned butter. I guess that is the face of progress. But we didn't have internet or online shopping. Oh! One more thing. I was born in the Havelock Hospital.



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## LOCAL LAKES IN HBM

The Rail is currently working on stories that will feature the ten lakes that are within the HBM boundary. This will include the following: Belmont, Cordova, Crowe, Jacks, Kasshabog, Methuen, Oak, Round, Sandy and Twin Lakes.

We will be looking into the rich history of each of these lakes. Perhaps adding in a bit of trivia. Which one is the smallest, which one is the biggest, which one is most populated, etc.

What activities make your lake special? Regatta's, fishing, BBQ's, etc.

We would be more than happy to hear from either individuals or your lake association. Please keep your articles under 500 words and feel free to send a couple of pictures.

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# TO REMEMBER RICK FOSTER

*By Norm Hardy*

Rick's guitar use to stand over there, lest we forget.

Shiny as usual, book by its side.

The book has a front and a back cover and in between are many songs. Some about heaven, some about love and some about of hell not sung to often and not for long. Some are oh so mellow. A lot of songs that start with cords, G C or F, whichever song he chose he sang it at its best.

Rick is in heaven now singing his songs with great gusto. Rick died the hunters moon was at its fullest.

Look up at the full moon and we will see Rick's face as he will be looking down on us saying "keep the music going, don't stop the music".

Songs to be played are "Masters Bouquet" and at the end as per usual "Will the Circle be Unbroken".

Thanks Rick for the music !

# HAVELOCK FARMERS MARKET RETURNS FOR 2025

Registration for this year's Havelock Farmer & Artisan Market will be open by February 21st. If you click on Havelockmarket.ca you will find information on the 2025 Rules and the online registration form. Registration will be open until April 1st. The early market will start on Friday May 16th with the regular market starting on June 13th and running on Fridays until Thanksgiving.



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## SAVE SOME CASH

By Paul Stevens



Over the last year and a half I have reduced my private library by at least a third. The books I got rid of were sold at books sales to support the Friends of Havelock Foundation and the Havelock Food Bank. One class of books I found it hard to let go of had titles like "Living Well on a Shoestring,

Cut Your Grocery Bills in Half, The Alpha Strategy (Plan of Financial Self Defence), The Tightwad Gazette, and More with Less, Recipes and Suggestions by Mennonites."

It seems recently the online media has been full of comments and stories about inflation, job losses, high prices, the possibility of a recession and dire financial straits. It seems like a good time to pass on some of the suggestions found in these books. In this article I will pass on some ideas and strategies that have proven themselves to actually work. If you enjoy it, or find it helpful, let us know by sending an email to the editor or pass along your appreciation to any of the staff, if you happen to know one of the hardworking folk who keep this paper coming out each month.

One thing all of these books have in common is that the methods or actions they suggest are deliberate and well thought out. Successfully saving money requires a modicum of planning and thoughtfulness. As a for instance, what meals do you or your family eat most frequently? When you decide to prepare that meal are you likely to have all of the ingredients in your fridge, freezer or pantry? If you are shopping for the ingredients you need, you missed an opportunity. If you make that meal twice a month, then you know what the usual price of the needed ingredients are. You

also probably can guess what the cost of the ingredients are when they cycle around to their turn to be sales items. When they are on sale, why not buy enough for three months? When it comes time to prepare the meal, why not make a double batch and put one batch into a Ziplock bag or an air proof container and drop it into the freezer. Next time you feel like that item, it is cooked and only requires reheating.

That principle can be used on more than food items. The list of things that don't go bad while sitting on a shelf include virtually all dried goods, cleaners, and more. In addition to lower prices on sale items, buying in bulk can save significant amounts of cash. Hanging on to the smaller handy size container and refilling it from the bulk purchase means almost never running out. When the bulk container is emptied, you have a full regular size container. The item goes on the shopping list, hopefully in time for the next sale. Substitution is another common saver you find in the above books. Reduce the meat content of stews, soups and casseroles while increasing the carb content whether it is rice, beans, pasta or potatoes. Smaller servings of meat but added salads are healthy and beneficial. With meat prices being what they are this is an easy way to save.

If you have access to the internet (available for free at the library) try going to YouTube and look up "Depression Era meals," or "inexpensive healthy meals" and you will get a wide variety of options.

I hope these suggestions have given you some ideas. If you have some favourite money saving tips, or suggestions let me know by sending me an email or text, pstevens2@gmail.com, or 705-931-2223.



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# FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE, EMPATHY AND KINDNESS!

By Laurie Deshane

**February 14 is Valentine's Day** and is the one day of the year that one showers their significant others with love; although loving one's partner should be a year-long event.

The **third week of February** has been dubbed **Kindness Week**. A bill was enacted on June 3, 2021, making Canada the first country to pass such legislation. It was introduced by retired Senator Jim Munso. The Bill states: *The purpose of this week is to improve the health and wellbeing of Canadians by encouraging "acts of kindness, volunteerism and charitable giving".* It took 5 years and two parliaments to enact!

Canada is the first country to officially recognize a **"Kindness Week"**. Why doesn't that surprise me? Canada has always been the "Country that Cares". With so much turmoil, violence and discontent; kindness is needed now more than ever.

This annual week-long celebration encourages Canadians to embrace kindness as a driving force in their daily conversations increasing positive change in everyone's life. Just a simple hello to a person creates kindness! It can be so easy to react quickly to a comment online and clicking send without realizing the full impact of the message. A good motto to remember before expressing an opinion: "Is it True? Is it Kind? And, Is it Necessary?"

The more we experience kindness, the happier we become and the more likelihood of passing it along to others. In the small communities we live in; kindness can be so easy. Smile when you walk by someone; shovel your neighbour's walkway; visit a shut-in; grocery shop for a senior; help a

single mother and take her child to the park.

**February 17 is "Random Acts of Kindness Day"**; a day to encourage kind acts across the globe. You are encouraged to show a little extra consideration to friends and neighbours on this day.

**Pink Shirt Day** falls on the last Wednesday in February each year. This was also spearheaded by Canadians and began as an anti-bullying campaign in Nova Scotia in 2007 and has since spread across the country. The focus of this day is to raise awareness of bullying in the schools and workplace and to promote empathy and respect among us all.

The history of **Pink Shirt Day** started because of an incident at a high school where a male student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. Two other students witnessed and decided to make a statement of the situation and bought pink shirts for the students to wear in solidarity of the male student. This sent a powerful message about bullying and served as the inspiration for **Pink Shirt Day**. This is now a very successful national movement in Canada and on this day people from across the country wear pink shirts to show their commitment to confronting bullying. Events and activities occur on this day at schools to address the issues of bullying and promote awareness and inclusivity.

Please remember to spread some kindness, compassion or empathy this month; although you might find it will continue all year long!

Wear a **pink shirt** and support your schools and community!





# CORDOVA CORNER NEWS

*By Laurie Deshane*

The Cordova Mines Recreation Association will be hosting their third annual "Family Fun Day" at the Cordova Mines Community Centre on Sunday, February 16, 2025. A nominal fee of \$10.00 per family; and it all begins with a delicious pancake breakfast at 10:00 am. And of course you can expect gluten free pancakes too!!! There will be game Stations set up between 11:00 am – 1:00 pm for all to enjoy. Come and bask in the fresh outdoors with your friends and family! Dress for outdoor activities and play some games. Then you can warm up beside the roaring fire while you roast marshmallows. There will be hot dogs and hot chocolate available throughout the day.

I know this is late news but I still would like to give a **Big SHOUT OUT to BJ Hay** for hosting the **Ugly Sweater Party** at the Cordova Mines Community Centre in December. It was a first time effort and with very little notice, they were able to entertain 60 people. There was dancing, food, drinks (free non-alcoholic drinks) and prizes for the best Men and Ladies Ugly Christmas Sweater. There was so much fun had by all and next year promises to be even bigger and better!

I love the winter as much as the summer in Canada! February is the perfect month to enjoy some outdoor family time. You don't have to look far on Belmont Lake for a rink; as there are always several in use. Here are a few friends and families skating on Belmont Lake!

The Lynch's, MacEachern's, McCarthy's, and The McWhinnie's, all ages, enjoying beautiful Belmont Lake in the Winter!







## FOOTE ON FILM

By John H. Foote

With audiences slowly returning to cinemas after the nightmare of COVID, Hollywood studios are breathing a sigh of relief. With caution. They recognize that streaming at home is here to stay and films made by the owners of Amazon,

Netflix, Apple and Hulu are going to challenge their work for the Academy Awards.

2024 was a very strong years for excellent cinema, both from Hollywood and the smaller independents. Here are my choices as the ten best in order of preference.

1. ANORA - Brilliant, both funny and sad film about a pretty young sex worker Ani (Mikey Madison) who marries Russian money on a whim only to run into the young man's fire breathing mother. Madison is an absolute revelation, and emerges a new star. Directed and written by Sean Baker.
2. CONCLAVE - Superb study of electing a new pope. Beautifully acted by Ralph Fiennes.
3. DUNE PART II - The sequel to the massively successful film previously directed by Denis Villeneuve surpasses the original in every way.
4. A COMPLETE UNKNOWN - Timothee Chalamet BECOMES the iconic Bob Dylan in this super film. As Joan Baez, newcomer Monica Barbaro equals Chalamet's genius.
5. A REAL PAIN - Very funny, often sad film about two cousins, Jesse Eisenberg and Keirnan Culkin who go on a Holocaust tour to honor their late grandmother. Culkin is astounding. Directed and written by Eisenberg.
6. WICKED - A big fat MOVIE, superbly adapted from the hit play. Cynthia Ervin and Ariana Grande are Oscar bound in this prequel to The Wizard of Oz. Made with love and deep respect.
7. SASQUATCH SUNSET - Wildly original film has us following a group of Sasquatches as they live and die in the western forests. An original.
8. THE BRUTALIST - Epic study of a Holocaust survivor coming to America.
9. NOSFERATU - The second remake of the classic 1919 vampire film. Director Eggers brings dread and nightmares to his outstanding film. Stunning cinematography.
10. CHALLENGERS - Strange but beautifully acted love triangle set in the world of pro tennis. Zendaya is a marvel and Mike Faist shines.

John Foote, a local resident, a world renowned author and film critic will be contributing a monthly article on films to the Rail. We thank John for helping bring film news to our readers.

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*By Norm Hardy*

The World’s Finest Chocolate where have you gone?

I can’t find the door to get into the store.

I need to have some of your chocolate that I adore.

I wish that I had bought more when I was in the chocolate store the last time I was there.

I need to taste that chocolate once more!

Chocolate today, none tomorrow. Oh no!!

The employees are all gone, they have locked the door.

I have looked and looked beyond but the store is no more.

Oh what a shame, we have lots its name in Campbellford Ontario as of December 31st, the last day of the year 2024.



*By Laurie Deshane*

This is an update to a previous story of our own **Belmont Lake Star, Cameron Spalding**, Snowboard Pro!

**Cameron Spalding** captured the men’s crown and wins Gold at the Snowboard Slopestyle World Cup event in Switzerland on January 18, 2025.

Cameron posted a winning score of 86.63 points. He finished just ahead of American Red Gerard (86.22) and German Noah Viktor (83.72).

Spalding, 19 years, also earned his second consecutive slopestyle win after capturing the season opener in Cardrona, N.Z. Congratulations Cameron! Well deserved! Commitment and hard works pays off!



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# GARDENING AS THERAPY

*By Kathy Reid, Norwood and District Horticultural Society*

Someone once said “gardening adds years to your life, and life to your years”.

When engaging in gardening activities, you may discover the deeper meaning behind that sentiment. There are so many benefits to gardening and gardening can take many different forms. Some grow a large vegetable plot, or care for a variety of houseplants or grow plants in containers. Community gardens, school gardens and botanical gardens can be added to this list.

Gardening and plant-related activities promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Our connection to nature is also physiological, impacting heart rate, blood pressure, stress levels and happiness. Gardening builds a sense of hope and anticipation. Planting a seed is an act of mindfulness and faith, nurturing it a practice of patience and care, and watching its

growth a real reminder of life's cycles, strength and determination. Using gardening as a form of therapy stands as a testament to our enduring connection to nature.

Want to learn more? Be our guest at the February 11th meeting of the Norwood and District Horticultural Society when we welcome Guinevere Kern, Registered Horticulture Therapist, Horticulture and Landscaping Educator. Guinevere's topic is titled, “To Make Whole: An Exploration of Health, Healing Gardens and Horticulture Therapy.” The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Norwood. If you are not able to join us in person, there will be an option to join in via Zoom. Check our Facebook page for more details as the date draws closer. Hope you can join us!



## LIBRARY NEWS By Nancy Law, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Public Library

Once again for the month of February the Havelock Library will be holding their genealogy sessions. These will run on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3pm. People are invited to use the Library's resources, such as Ancestry Library edition and many other on-line resources and books. Maybe you might know of a data base that you would like to share to help others in their search of their family tree.

If you would like a good mystery to read, why not try out one of the late great Miz Watson's favourite authors, Canadian Louise Penny and her latest best seller *The Grey Wolf*, which is the 19th book in the Armand Gamache series that takes place at Three Pines. Or maybe you could try the new book by the Thursday Murder Club author Richard Osman's *We Solve Murders*. Come into either library to see what we have on our New Book Shelves.

As always please check out our webpage at [www.hbmlibrary.on.ca](http://www.hbmlibrary.on.ca) or our Havelock Cordova Facebook page to find out more happenings, books and other features that the libraries have or come in and visit.

## SPORTS

# HAVELOCK HAWKS HEADLINER

By Keri-lyn Toms

Our **U7 Hawks** finished 2024 strong with a game against the C. Hastings Grizzlies before a Christmas break. They picked up where they left off with a game against the Brighton Bolts on January 3 and back on home ice for games against the Campbellford Colts on January 7 and the Bolts on January 12. Goalies for these games were: Emma Connor, Brantley Tilley, Carter Pollock and Dekker Schaar-Cagliostro. MVPs were B. Tilley, Bryson Colley-Leblanc, Declan McPeake and McKenna Bull. Way to go Hawks! They have 5 more games left to close out their season.

On January 11 the **U9s** played their first full ice game of the season. They took on the Ennismore Eagles and skated away with a 6-2 win. Goalie Vimy Ferguson was strong between the pipes. Scoring Havelocks goals were Wyatt Middleton, Dax Whitmore, Briar King and Josh Baldock with a big hat trick.

Over the holidays on December 27th our **U11** team took part in the Belleville Christmas Classic tournament. This team started the day strong with a 3-3 tie game against the North Durham AtoMc Blue team. The hawks were awarded the official win as our team scored the first goal of the game. Player of the game was Alex Hamilton.

They next faced off against the Clarington Golden Knights. It was an exciting game with a tough 6-3 loss. This game was close despite what the score reflects. Player of the game was Dylan Toms.

They finished the day off with another edge of your seat game against North Durham again. Both teams were looking for the win after their tie game earlier. It was a nail biter that saw the Hawks come back to tie the game with two goals late in the third. It was with much help from goalie Wyatt Vineham who was a brick wall in the third period keeping the puck out of our net. The game ended with a tie yet again and that meant overtime. It was a battle to the very end with both teams having many chances. The Hawks came out on top by scoring the game winning goal with only 3 minutes and 49 seconds to go! They were named Tournament C Champions. Player of the game was awarded to the whole team. Congrats on your great day!

The **U15** team took to home ice on December 18th to take on the Colborne Fire Hawks. It was an exciting back and forth game that ended with lots of goals in a 13-10 win for the Hawks. T.J Arundell worked hard in net and kept the Fire Hawks from the win.

Scoring for Havelock was Lochlan Brown with one, who was assisted by Riley Grant and Cole Huycke with one, the assist going to Hewitt Toms. Douglas Bayne snagged 2 goals with assists going to Chase Thompson, Grant and Toms. Colton Brown worked hard netting 3 goals, assisting him was Henry Sharpe, Grant and L. Brown. Hewitt Toms hustled to score 5 goals this game, assists were from Huycke, Kaelan Chambo, Liam Chambo, Thompson and Grant.

Come on out to support our teams by cheering them on! As always for an up-to-date game schedule for all Hawks teams please visit our Facebook page or our website [www.havelockminorhockey.com](http://www.havelockminorhockey.com). See you at the rink!



## 1ST HAVELOCK CUBS NEWS

On Saturday January 18th the local 1st Havelock Cubs provided an excellent breakfast at the Havelock Centre. Each year the cubs have a project that will be of benefit to the community. Two of the cubs came up with the idea of breakfast. Along with their Scout Leaders and the help of some of their younger peers this all came together. We were treated to pancakes, ham, home fries, scrambled eggs, fresh oranges, juice and coffee.

They asked for a donation of either \$5.00 and a food bank donation or \$10.00 and they would purchase items for the Food Bank. Congratulations.... they raised \$300 cash plus they were able to donate 80 pounds of food. Wow...an amazing job.

A great team effort and they would like to send out a very special thank you to the Havelock Centre for providing the space for them and to Quaker Oats in Peterborough for the pancake mix and syrup. Nice job!

**STUDENT HELP WANTED:** Wanted, a Norwood High School Student interested in writing a monthly column regarding sports or other activities at NDHS. This is a volunteer position but it could be claimed as community service hours and would look good on a future resume. Apply to [havelockcreai@gmail.com](mailto:havelockcreai@gmail.com) or phone 705 778 3370.

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

By Lorraine Roulston

**VALENTINE'S DAY ECO ACTION:** On Valentine's Day celebration, be gentle on the planet. Avoid plastic decorations. Request your restaurant beverage to be served without a straw. At a fast food location, bring your own mugs. Select flowers by handpicking them at a florist in order to avoid the clear plastic wrapping. These are small ways to lessen our reliance on single-use plastic.



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## RECIPE

### CHEESEBURGER MEATLOAF

By Brooke Wrightly

#### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- ¾ cup fresh bread crumbs (I use crushed gluten free croutons)
- ½ cup minced onion
- Garlic
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground black pepper
- 3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Combine beef, bread crumbs, onion, garlic, eggs, salt, and pepper in a large bowl; mix well. Pat out meat mixture into a 14x18-inch rectangle on a piece of wax paper.

Spread cheese over meat, leaving a ¾ inch border along the edges. Roll up jelly-roll fashion to enclose the filling and form a pinwheel loaf. Press meat in on both ends to enclose cheese. Place meatloaf in a 10x15-inch baking dish.

Bake in the preheated oven until cooked through, about 1 hour. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of meatloaf should read at least 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

## HAPPY WANDERERS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

We will be accepting returns under this program again this year.

This is a **FREE** service for low income individuals.

Single person \$35,000. Family \$45,000.

Bring your 2024 rent or property tax receipts, T4's, T4a's, T5s, T5007 etc. Medical, donation receipts, any government documents you have received to Havelock United Church basement, where you will fill out necessary forms

#### DATES WE WILL BE RECEIVING YOUR DOCUMENTS

TUESDAY MARCH 11 - 10am to 12 Noon

TUESDAY MARCH 25 - 10am to 12 Noon

TUESDAY APRIL 8 - 10am to 12 Noon

TUESDAY APRIL 22 - 10am to 12 Noon

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## BELMONT-METHUEN AND HAVELOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Susan Taylor



February may be the shortest month but it often feels longer as we wish away the days until spring. Luckily we have Valentine's Day on the 14th and Family Day on the 17th. This welcome long weekend reminds us to appreciate our loved ones and our community.

We invite you all to visit us in February. Although we are still unable to display all the donations received over the years, we do have many stories and objects to share. They remind us of our loved ones and our community in days gone by. We are here on Wednesday mornings after 9:30. For the moment we ask you to call ahead (705-768-4895) as space is very limited at present.

We were happy to see a number of new faces at our January meeting and remind everyone that we meet again on the 12th at 10:30am in the library lower level. Welcome!

# COUNCIL CORNER

By Donellda Fraser

## Meetings held on January 7 and 14, 2025.

- Special Council meeting on January 7th, one of many, to go through budget needs and wants to help keep the tax base increase within a decent reach for the residents of HBM. An example is George Street revitalization, by removing trees, interlocking brick and checking rubberized cross walks That had been put into the plans to decrease costs.
- Delegation Byron Tan, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. He spoke on the Development Charges Public Meeting. He stated that no no decisions to be made today. Again re caping what has been presented at previous meetings. He explained what the development fees would support,an example given was roads. He stated that the average home assessment is slightly over 600,000 dollars and the development charges slightly over 33,000 dollars. A question re "Can there be a development charge specific to the township and one for the village?" The response was yes. Further Tan stated that the earliest this bylaw could be passed is after 60 days. Bringing that to after February 20, 2025.
- Delegation Jeff Menzies, a local builder and business owner, made several valid points during his presentation. He . Informed council that the development charges in Norwood are considerably lower at 11,734 dollars. He asked council to hold off on passing this bylaw until they can get some growth moving forward, then they could possibly look at the bylaw. He questioned if any developments are in the works, such as location and developer. Council's response was they can't discuss that at this time. Jeff responded by saying it is public information once it has been submitted.
- Economic Development Shari Gottschalk gave a update on the Fire and Ice being held in February. Stating she has taken the lead on corporate sponsorship Allen's Insurance has donated \$1000.00. Will be looking to see if J.J and Tanya are interested in sponsorship again. Everything moving along nicely.
- Bob Angione CAO/Clerk informing Council that Mayor Martin and himself have attended a meeting with the Historical Society and Library Board. It has been brought up about the use of the basement of the library for cataloging historical artifacts. The proposed agreement would be either six months or six weeks. Motion moved for 6 months and it was carried.
- Next Regular Council Meeting is February 4, 2025. On February 6 Council will resume Budget Discussions.



## Fire & Ice Festival 2025

Saturday, February 8th, 12-6:30pm

### All-day Activities

- 🔥 HBM Proud Community Outdoor Rink open all-day
- 🔥 Kids Rainbow Ice Block Mountain
- 🔥 Life-sized Outdoor Games
- 🔥 Bonfires & Marshmallow Toasting
- 🔥 Magical Ice Lantern Path



**FREE ADMISSION**  
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### Scheduled Events & Activities

- 11:50 AM **Opening Ceremonies**
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm **All-Star Hockey Skills Clinics**, Havelock Minor Hockey
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Ice Carving Competition**, five amazing ice carvers/artisans
- 12:00 pm - 6:30 pm **Toast Marshmallows & Warm Up**, enjoy 4 Fire Pits and 1 Huge Chiminea
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Life-sized Outdoor Games**, Hole in One, Tic Tac Toe, and more!
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Public Skating**, HBM Proud Outdoor Rink and Indoor Rink (4 - 5pm)
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Colouring & Craft Contest**, in Warming Area upstairs
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Sport a Rainbow (Rose Powers)**, with donated sticks & tape
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Roaming Winter Angel and OLAF** your favourite snowman!
- 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm **Tot's Skating Routines**, Havelock Figure Skating Club
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Snowy Trail Treck**, learn to snowshoe & treck the trails
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Build a Snölykta**, learn how to make Norwegian Snow Lanterns
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Blades of Glory & Fiery Sword Tournament** Live Performance
- 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm **North Fire Circus** Live Performance
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Ice Lantern Walk In The Park**, treed park arena by arena
- 6:10pm - 6:30 pm **Fireworks Extravaganza** to top off the event!



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# H-B-M HAPPENINGS



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*Please note this was sent to publication as of January 22nd, 2025*

## OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th, 2025 in observance of Family Day. "We hope you connect with your relatives and celebrate the importance of family."

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are hybrid, which means they are open to the public within the Council Chamber and virtually via zoom. The Zoom invitation link is available to all and can be found on the first page of the Regular Council Agenda.

- Tues. Feb. 4, 2025 @ 9:30am – Regular Council Meeting
- Tues. Feb. 6, 2025 @ 9:30 am – Special Budget Meeting
- Tues. Feb. 11, 2025 @ 9:30am – Regular Council Meeting

Meeting dates are subject to change, please visit the Township Website <https://events.hbmtwp.ca/council> for more information including agendas.

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## AT-LARGE ELECTORAL SYSTEM:

On August 15, 2024, Council passed Resolution Number R-421-24 to eliminate the ward system and create an at-large system whereby the roles of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and three Councillor positions are all elected at-large. By-law 2024-074 was adopted on October 15, 2024, following an extensive public engagement process that included a survey of the community and two public meetings.

It was confirmed at the council meeting of January 14, 2025, that no appeals of By-law 2024-074 were received and that the process for electoral reform is now complete, and an At-Large System of Electoral Representation has been fully adopted.

## SIDEWALK AND ROADWAY SNOW REMOVAL:

It is a violation of the Highway Traffic Act to place snow or ice on the roadway. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181.

Please do not shovel or plow snow onto roadways or sidewalks. Shoveling or plowing snow and ice onto roadways and sidewalks is a pedestrian and motorist safety issue, as well it impedes Township roadway and sidewalk clean-up work. Often frozen snow/ice on roadways will require Public Works crews to return to previously cleared areas, which adds to the time it takes to clear roadways.

## HAVELOCK FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL 2025:

Be sure to come out Saturday, February 8th and enjoy the Havelock Fire & Ice Festival 2025 held from 12pm to 6:30pm at the HBM Community Centre! It's a fun, family-friendly event that celebrates the wonders of Fire & Ice and the great winter outdoors.

### ALL DAY ACTIVITIES:

- HBMProud Community Outdoor Rink open all-day
- Kids Rainbow Ice Block Mountain
- Bonfires & Marshmallow Toasting
- Life-sized Outdoor Games

**FREE EVENT**

### SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- 12:00pm Opening Ceremonies, followed by Anishinaabe Dancers
- 12:00 - 2:00pm All-Star Hockey Skills Clinics
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- 4:00 - 5:30pm BLADES OF GLORY & Fiery Swords
- 4:30 - 5:00pm Contest Winner Announcements,
- 5:30 - 6:00pm NORTH FIRE CIRCUS
- 5:30 - 6:30pm Ice Lantern Walk in The Park
- 6:10 - 6:30pm FANTASTIC FIREWORKS

For more information contact HBM Township Economic Development Officer, Shari Gottschalk at [ecdev@hbmtwp.ca](mailto:ecdev@hbmtwp.ca) or 705-778-2308, ext. 123.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## A List of Local Events in Your Community

### MONDAY

**Community Care: Seated Yoga** every Monday at noon (17 Smith Dr.).

**Community Care: Blood Pressure Clinic** February 3, 9:30-10:30am. (17 Smith Dr.).

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga** from 11am-12pm. \$2.

**Havelock Seniors: Shuffleboard** at 1pm. \$5.

### TUESDAY

**The Legion: Zumba** exercises for seniors, 9:30-10:30am.

**The Legion: Cardio & Weights** 10:45-11:45am (bring your own weights).

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Havelock Seniors: Regular Euchre** from 7-9pm (bring a snack to share).

**Havelock Seniors: Alzheimers Presentation** February 4 at 2pm. FREE

### WEDNESDAY

**The Legion: Line Dancing** from 9:30-10:30am.

**The Legion: Cardio & Weights** from 10:45-11:30am (bring your own weights).

**The Legion: Body Balance** from 11:40am-12:15pm.

**Havelock Centre: TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)** 5:30-8pm (George & Orange St.).

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

**Cordova Community Centre: Yoga** every Wednesday, 6:30-8pm. \$20. Please call or text 705-760-1296 to ensure that a class is running.

**Havelock Seniors: Monthly Luncheon** February 12, 12pm \$10.

**Community Care: Diners Club** February 5 at the United Church. \$14pp.

**Havelock Seniors: Line Dancing** every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm.

**Belmont Methuen Historical Society: Monthly Meeting** February 12, 10:30am-12pm in the library basement, Cn 705-768-4895.

### THURSDAY

**Havelock Seniors: Chair Yoga** from 11am-12pm. \$3.

**Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre** every Thursday at 12:30pm. \$5.

**Havelock Library: Geneology Course** February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1-3pm. FREE

**Community Care: Zoom Exercises** please contact CC at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) or call the office.

### THURSDAY CONTINUED...

**Havelock Centre: Career Edge Hub** 9am-12pm, free drop in employment counselling & services.

**Havelock Centre: Men's Night** at 7pm every Thursday (discussion group with snacks).

**The Legion: Dart Warriors** every Thursday from 7-10pm. Everyone welcome.

### FRIDAY

**The Legion: Mixed Fun Darts** from 7-10pm. All welcome.

**The Legion: Shuffleboard** from 1-3pm. Everyone welcome.

**Havelock Centre: Open Mic Music Night** 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6pm. Any questions please call Rolf at 705-875-8018.

**Havelock Centre: Second Harvest Food Program** 2nd & 4th Friday 10-11am.

**Havelock Seniors: Line Dancing Level 1** every Friday from 10-11am (non on the 14).

**Havelock Seniors: Ian Roy Performance & Luncheon** at 12pm. \$15.

**Havelock Seniors: Cribbage** every Friday at 12pm. \$5 (non on the 21).

### SATURDAY

**Havelock Seniors: Bid Euchre Tournament** February 1, doors open at 11:30am and food is available \$.

**The Legion: Meat Draw** every Saturday at 1pm (8 Ottawa St.). (For Hall rentals contact [Michelleoconnor309@gmail.com](mailto:Michelleoconnor309@gmail.com), 416-605-5822 or 705-778-3728).

**Fire & Ice Festival** at the Arena February 8 from 12-6:30pm.

### SUNDAY

**Havelock Stone Hall Sessions Concert Series:** 4th Sunday of every month at 2pm (Highway 7 and 6th Line.).

**Havelock Seniors: Bingo** every Sunday at 6pm, doors open at 4:30pm, light lunch available.

### SUNDAY - CHURCH SERVICES

**St. Johns Anglican Church** 1st and 3rd Sunday Communion.

**Havelock Fellowship Baptist Church** 10:30am.

**Havelock & Trent River United Church** 10am (Havelock).

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church** Mass at 9am.

**Cordova United Church** 9:30am every Sunday.

**Knox Presbyterian Church** 11am-12pm.

ATTENTION ALL SERVICE CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY EVENT PLANNERS.

Please submit your events to [havelockrail.cevents@gmail.com](mailto:havelockrail.cevents@gmail.com) prior to the 10th of each month.